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For: HG-CSF FUSION POLYPEPTIDE HAVING C-MPL
ACTIVITY, DNA CODING FOR SAME AND METHODS OF
TREATING ANEMIA USING SAME

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REQUEST

The Patent Office is again requested to confirm receipt of the certified copy of the priority document Japan Hei 7-102625 filed in the parent application Serial No. 08/765,337, as originally-indicated on page 1 of the Office Action dated June 21, 2002 (copy attached). Also attached is a copy of the Notification of Acceptance dated March 3, 1997 issued in the parent application Serial No. 08/765,337 which confirms the Patent Office receipt of the priority document.

Also attached separately is a Request for a Corrected Filing Receipt to include the claim to the applicants parent application Serial No. 08/765,337, filed December 23, 1996.

The specification was amended October 6, 2000 and again on December 23, 2002, to include a cross-reference to the parent application. A separate Amendment is

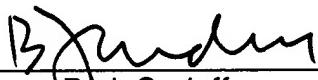
attached separately herewith to include an additional reference to PCT/JP96/01157, filed April 26, 1996, as the parent application Serial No. 08/765,337, is a U.S. national phase of PCT/JP96/01157. See, attached copy of the Notice of Acceptance dated March 3, 1997.

A Corrected Filing Receipt is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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OFFICE ACTION SUMMARY

- Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____
- This action is FINAL.
- Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 D.C. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Disposition of Claims

- Claim(s) 10-18 is/are pending in the application.
- Of the above, claim(s) 10-18 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- Claim(s) 10-15 is/are rejected.
- Claim(s) 10-18 is/are objected to.
- Claim(s) 10-18 are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

- See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
- The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is approved disapproved.
- The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

All Some* None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

- received.
- received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) 108765334.
- received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

- Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

- Notice of Reference Cited, PTO-892
- Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 7
- Interview Summary, PTO-413
- Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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**NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371
AND 37 CFR 1.494 OR 1.495**

1. The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated Office (37 CFR 1.494), an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is ACCEPTED for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

2. The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

DEC 23 1996

35 U.S.C. 102(e) DATE

DEC 23 1996DATE OF RECEIPT OF
35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS

A Filing Receipt (PTO-103X) will be issued for the present application in due course. THE DATE APPEARING ON THE FILING RECEIPT AS THE "FILING DATE" IS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAST OF THE 35 U.S.C. 371(C) REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE. THIS DATE IS SHOWN ABOVE. The filing date of the above identified application is the international filing date of the international application (Article 11(3) and 35 U.S.C. 363). Once the Filing Receipt has been received, send all correspondence to the Group Art Unit designated thereon.

3. A request for immediate examination under 35 U.S.C. 371(f) was received on DEC 23 1996 and the application will be examined in turn.

4. The following items have been received:

- U.S. Basic National Fee.
- Copy of the international application in:
 - a non-English language.
 - English.
- Translation of the international application into English.
- Oath or Declaration of inventors(s) for DO/EO/US.
- Copy of Article 19 amendments. Translation of Article 19 amendments into English. The Article 19 amendments have have not been entered.
- The International Preliminary Examination Report in English and its Annexes, if any.
- Translation of Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report into English. The Annexes have have not been entered.
- Preliminary amendment(s) filed 23 DEC 1996 and _____.
- Information Disclosure Statement(s) filed 23 DEC 1996 and _____.
- Assignment document.
- Power of Attorney and/or Change of Address.
- Substitute specification filed _____.
- Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status.
- Priority Document.
- Copy of the International Search Report and copies of the references cited therein.
- Other: _____.

Applicant is reminded that any communication to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above. (37 CFR 1.5)

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